

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-3. *(Cancelled)*

4. *(Currently Amended)* ~~The system of claim 3 further comprising A system for retrieving a main document with a reference to an insert document for inclusion in the main document comprising:~~

~~a data storage mechanism that stores the main document with a formula that resolves to a reference to an insert document, the insert document including contents for the main document;~~

~~a shared resource database, accessible by a plurality of clients of the system, that stores one or more insert documents that may be referenced within a main document;~~

~~a document destination module that opens the main document and extracts the formula;~~

~~a formula resolution module that resolves the formula to derive a value for the reference;~~

~~a document retrieval module that uses the reference to retrieve the insert document;~~

~~a document insertion module that inserts the insert document into the main document in a document location point specified, wherein the system enables a user to create and store a main document having a reference to an insert document, and wherein the document destination module enables a user to create a main document with a reference to an insert document and stores the main document with the reference separate from the insert document being referenced; and~~

~~a formula definition module that enables a user to define a formula that resolves to a reference to an insert document to be included in the main document.~~

5. ***(Currently Amended)*** The system of claim 1 A system for retrieving a main document with a reference to an insert document for inclusion in the main document comprising:

a data storage mechanism that stores the main document with a formula that resolves to a reference to an insert document, the insert document including contents for the main document;

a shared resource database, accessible by a plurality of clients of the system, that stores one or more insert documents that may be referenced within a main document;

a document destination module that opens the main document and extracts the formula;

a formula resolution module that resolves the formula to derive a value for the reference;

a document retrieval module that uses the reference to retrieve the insert document; and

a document insertion module that inserts the insert document into the main document in a document location point specified;

wherein the document location point comprises a background in the main document.

6-8. ***(Cancelled)***

9. ***(Currently Amended)*** The system of claim 8 further comprising A system for retrieving a main document with a reference to an insert document for inclusion in the main document comprising:

data storage means for storing the main document with a formula that resolves to a reference to an insert document, the insert document including contents for the main document;

database means for storing one or more insert documents that may be referenced within a main document;

formula resolution means for resolving the formula to derive a value for the reference;

means for retrieving and opening a main document;

document retrieval means for retrieving the insert document using the reference;

document insertion means for inserting the insert document into the main document at a document insertion point, wherein the system also enables a user to create and store a main document having a reference to an insert document, and wherein the document destination means comprises (i) means for enabling a user to create a main document with a reference to an insert document and (ii) means for storing the main document with the reference separate from the insert document being referenced; and

formula definition means for enabling a user to define a formula that resolves to a reference to an insert document to be included in the main document.

10. ***(Currently Amended)*** The system of claim 6 A system for retrieving a main document with a reference to an insert document for inclusion in the main document comprising:

data storage means for storing the main document with a formula that resolves to a reference to an insert document, the insert document including contents for the main document;

database means for storing one or more insert documents that may be referenced within a main document;

formula resolution means for resolving the formula to derive a value for the reference;

means for retrieving and opening a main document;

document retrieval means for retrieving the insert document using the reference; and

document insertion means for inserting the insert document into the main document at a document insertion point;

wherein the document location point comprises a background in the main document.

11. **(Cancelled)**

12. **(Cancelled)**

13. **(Currently Amended)** ~~The method of claim 12 further comprising the step of A method for managing a main document with one or more insert documents inserted therein comprising the steps of:~~

~~storing the main document with a formula that resolves to a reference to an insert document, the insert document including contents for the main document;~~

~~storing one or more insert documents that may be referenced within a main document;~~

~~retrieving and opening a main document;~~
~~extracting the formula from the main document;~~
~~resolving the formula to the reference to an insert document based on the main document;~~

~~retrieving the insert document; and~~
~~inserting the insert document into the main document at a document location point;~~

~~creating a main document with a reference to an insert document to be included in the main document;~~

~~storing the main document having a reference to an insert document separate from the insert document included in the stored main document; and~~

~~enabling a user to define a formula that resolves to a reference to an insert document to be included in the main document.~~

14. **(Cancelled)**

15. *(Cancelled)*

16. *(Currently Amended)* ~~The computer readable medium of claim 14 further comprising A computer usable medium having computer readable program code means embodied therein for managing a main document with a reference to one or more insert documents to be included in the main document comprising:~~

~~computer readable program code means for causing a computer to store the main document with a formula that resolves to a reference to an insert document, the insert document including contents for the main document;~~

~~computer readable program code means for causing a computer to store one or more insert documents that may be referenced within a main document;~~

~~computer readable program code means for causing a computer to extract a formula from the main document;~~

~~computer readable program code means for causing a computer to resolve the formula to a reference to an insert document from the main document;~~

~~computer readable program code means for causing a computer to retrieve the insert document;~~

~~computer readable program code means for causing a computer to insert the insert document into the main document; and~~

~~computer readable program code means for causing a computer to enable a user to define a formula that resolves to a reference to an insert document to be included in the main document.~~

17. *(Currently Amended)* ~~The system of claim 1, further comprising A system for retrieving a main document with a reference to an insert document for inclusion in the main document comprising:~~

~~a data storage mechanism that stores the main document with a formula that resolves to a reference to an insert document, the insert document including contents for the main document;~~

a shared resource database, accessible by a plurality of clients of the system, that stores one or more insert documents that may be referenced within a main document;

a document destination module that opens the main document and extracts the formula;

a formula resolution module that resolves the formula to derive a value for the reference;

a document retrieval module that uses the reference to retrieve the insert document;

a document insertion module that inserts the insert document into the main document in a document location point specified; and

a continuous resolving module that resolves the formula continuously in order to modify the insert document that is inserted in an opened main document.

18-30. (*Previously Added*)

31. (*Currently Amended*) The system of claim 26, A system for retrieving a main document with a reference to an insert document for inclusion in the main document comprising:

a data storage mechanism that stores the main document with a formula that resolves to a reference to an insert document, the insert document including contents for the main document;

a shared resource database, accessible by a plurality of clients of the system, that stores one or more insert documents that may be referenced within a main document;

a document destination module that opens the main document and extracts the formula;

a formula resolution module that resolves the formula to derive a value for the reference;

a document retrieval module that uses the reference to retrieve the insert document; and

a document insertion module that inserts the insert document into the main document in a document location point specified;

wherein the insert document is stored in a first database and the main document is stored in a second database; and

wherein the insert document stored in said first database can be modified to a modified insert document, wherein the modified insert document is inserted into the main document in response to user selecting the main document.

32. ***(Currently Amended)*** The system of claim 1, A system for retrieving a main document with a reference to an insert document for inclusion in the main document comprising:

a data storage mechanism that stores the main document with a formula that resolves to a reference to an insert document, the insert document including contents for the main document;

a shared resource database, accessible by a plurality of clients of the system, that stores one or more insert documents that may be referenced within a main document;

a document destination module that opens the main document and extracts the formula;

a formula resolution module that resolves the formula to derive a value for the reference;

a document retrieval module that uses the reference to retrieve the insert document; and

a document insertion module that inserts the insert document into the main document in a document location point specified;

wherein the main document includes a pre-defined portion, said pre-defined portion may be specified to include an insert document representing a background for the main document.

33-35. ***(Cancelled)***

36. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 35, A system for retrieving a main document with a reference to an insert document for inclusion in the main document comprising:

a data storage mechanism that stores the main document with a formula that resolves to a reference to an insert document, the insert document including contents for the main document;

a shared resource database, accessible by a plurality of clients of the system, that stores one or more insert documents that may be referenced within a main document;

a document destination module that opens the main document and extracts the formula;

a formula resolution module that resolves the formula to derive a value for the reference;

a document retrieval module that uses the reference to retrieve the insert document; and

a document insertion module that inserts the insert document into the main document in a document location point specified;

wherein the formula may be defined based on a function, wherein the function determines a date and generates a link for the determined date; and

wherein the link is continuously resolved to a field representing an image for the main document.

37. **(Cancelled)**

38. **(Cancelled)**

39. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 11, A method for managing a main document with one or more insert documents inserted therein comprising the steps of:

storing the main document with a formula that resolves to a reference to an insert document, the insert document including contents for the main document;

storing one or more insert documents that may be referenced within a main document;

retrieving and opening a main document;

extracting the formula from the main document;

resolving the formula to the reference to an insert document based on the main document;

retrieving the insert document; and

inserting the insert document into the main document at a document location point;

wherein the step of resolving includes continuously resolving the formula in order to modify the insert document that is inserted in an opened main document.

40-52. (*Cancelled*)

53. (*Currently Amended*) The method of claim 48, A method for managing a main document with one or more insert documents inserted therein comprising the steps of:

storing the main document with a formula that resolves to a reference to an insert document, the insert document including contents for the main document;

storing one or more insert documents that may be referenced within a main document;

retrieving and opening a main document;

extracting the formula from the main document;

resolving the formula to the reference to an insert document based on the main document;

retrieving the insert document; and

inserting the insert document into the main document at a document location point;

wherein the insert document is stored in a first database and the main document is stored in a second database; and

wherein the insert document stored in said first database can be modified to a modified insert document, wherein the modified insert document is inserted into the main document in response to user selecting the main document.

54. ***(Currently Amended)*** The method of claim 11, A method for managing a main document with one or more insert documents inserted therein comprising the steps of:

storing the main document with a formula that resolves to a reference to an insert document, the insert document including contents for the main document;

storing one or more insert documents that may be referenced within a main document;

retrieving and opening a main document;

extracting the formula from the main document;

resolving the formula to the reference to an insert document based on the main document;

retrieving the insert document; and

inserting the insert document into the main document at a document location point;

wherein the main document includes a pre-defined portion, said pre-defined portion may be specified to include an insert document representing a background for the main document.

55-57. ***(Cancelled)***

58. ***(Currently Amended)*** The method of claim 57, A method for managing a main document with one or more insert documents inserted therein comprising the steps of:

storing the main document with a formula that resolves to a reference to an insert document, the insert document including contents for the main document;

storing one or more insert documents that may be referenced within a main document;

retrieving and opening a main document;
extracting the formula from the main document;
resolving the formula to the reference to an insert document based on the main document;

retrieving the insert document; and
inserting the insert document into the main document at a document location point;

wherein the formula may be defined based on a function,
wherein the function determines a date and generates a link for the determined date, and

wherein the link is continuously resolved to a field representing an image for the main document.

59. ***(Cancelled)***

60. ***(Cancelled)***

61. ***(Previously Presented)*** A method for managing a main document with one or more insert documents inserted therein, the method comprising:

enabling a user to open said main document, said main document stored in a first database, said main document including a formula corresponding to one or more insert documents stored in a second database;

resolving the formula in order to identify at least one corresponding insert document, said at least one corresponding insert document including contents for said main document;

retrieving said identified insert document from the second database;

inserting said identified insert document into said main document at a pre-determined document location point; and

resolving the formula_continuously in order to modify said identified insert document that is inserted in the main document.